

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Luke 24

1 Corinthians 15:

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- **Place of the resurrection** (note to Roy-very brief presentation, don't get lost in the geography The Case For Easter by Lee Strobel and The Case For The Resurrection by Lee Strobel)
- **Proofs of the resurrection** (note to Roy-brief, poignant points)
- **People of the resurrection** (all of those in Luke 24 who saw the resurrected Christ Jesus and 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

- **Purpose of the resurrection-Displayed the power of God over death, Hell and the grave**

1 Corinthians 15 ⁴²So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

- **Power of the resurrection**-Power in the lives of Christians, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the power of God who lives in each believer.

Romans 8:9-11 ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

When you meet Jesus:

- **Generosity replaces Greed-Zacchaeus** Luke 19:1-5; 8-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."... ⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

- **Enlightenment replaces Ignorance-The Road Too Emmaus** Luke 24:15-35

Jesus was walking and eating with them.

They knew the facts. Vss 19-29

18 inches, from their heads to their hearts, they went from knowing the facts to 'knowing' Jesus!

- **Deliverance replaces Death (slow or sudden-spiritual death, emotional death, relational death)**

Mark 9:21-27

²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."
²³"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

- **Reconciliation replaces Relational Ruin**-Peter and the other disciples Luke 24:36-37

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

- **Heaven replaces Hell as your eternal destiny!** The "thief" on the Cross Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Do not get this sequence out of order! Don't try to get it all together before you come to Jesus. Your new life starts at the Cross! Your new life starts when you call on Jesus Christ!